

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Commerce		2018	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee		5308	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	09/28/2018	09/28/2020	
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
No			
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	No	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Secretarial Decision Memorandum	07/29/2010	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open 2	17b. Closed 0	17c. Partially Closed 0	Other Activities 0
17d. Total Meetings and Dates 2			

Purpose	Start	End
The Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee met for the Winter 2017 meeting on December 15, 2017, to review, discuss and offer recommendations on topics, which included: Report from the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, The Promise of Evidence-Based Policymaking, and The Digital Economy.	12/15/2017	12/15/2017
The Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee met for the Spring 2018 meeting on June 8, 2018, to review, discuss and offer recommendations on presentations, which included: Seasonal Adjustment and Contingent Work and the Gig Economy.	06/08/2018	06/08/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$103,436.00	\$103,436.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$12,749.00	\$12,749.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$2,344.00	\$2,344.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$1,471.00	\$1,471.00
18d. Total	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.60	0.60

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

FESAC advises the Directors of the Commerce Department's Economics and Statistics Administration's two statistical agencies, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and the U.S Census Bureau (Census), and the Commissioner of the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), on statistical methodology and other technical matters related to the collection, tabulation, and analysis of federal economic statistics. The committee does this by deliberating these issues at its semi-annual meetings.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Committee members are economists, statisticians, survey methodologists, and behavioral scientists chosen to achieve a balanced membership across those disciplines. Members shall be prominent experts in their fields, and recognized for their scientific and professional achievements and objectivity.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Twice a year

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Advisory Committee is essential to provide expert guidance from multiple disciplines, jointly to the three agencies, on statistical methodology and other technical matters related to the collection, tabulation, and analysis of federal economic statistics that the three agencies produce. The guidance leads to improved communication, cooperation, and coordination of methodologies among the three sponsoring agencies. No other committee can serve this joint function.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

N/A

Designated Federal Officer

James R. Spletzer DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Altonji, Joseph	02/06/2018	02/06/2021	Professor of Economics, Yale University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Athey, Susan	09/29/2017	09/29/2020	Stanford University Graduate School of Business	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bajari, Pat	09/29/2017	09/29/2020	Professor, University of Washington, and Vice President and Chief Economist, Amazon.com	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Berndt, Ernst	05/27/2016	05/27/2019	Louis B. Seley Professor of Applied Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sloan School of Management	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Charles, Kerwin	01/29/2016	01/29/2019	Professor, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fleming, Martin	05/23/2016	05/23/2019	VP, Chief Analytics Officer, and Chief Economist, IBM Corporation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Groves, Robert	02/05/2018	02/05/2021	Provost, Georgetown University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Haltiwanger, John	10/03/2017	10/03/2020	Department of Economics, University of Maryland	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Haver, Maurine	12/05/2016	12/05/2019	President, Haver Analytics	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Humphries, Stan	06/10/2016	06/10/2019	Chief Analytics Officer and Chief Economist, Zillow Group	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Levy, Helen	12/15/2015	12/15/2018	Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lucas, Deborah	12/15/2015	12/15/2018	Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

O'Muirheartaigh, Colm	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rippe, Dick	02/07/2018	02/07/2021	Managing Director, Evercore	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Shapiro, Matthew	11/30/2016	11/30/2019	Professor, Department of Economics and Survey Research Center, University of Michigan	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Weinstein, David	02/03/2016	02/03/2019	Department of Economics, Columbia University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wolter, Kirk	11/30/2016	11/30/2019	Chief Statistician and Executive Vice President, Center for Excellence in Survey Research, National Opinion Research Center (NORC), and Professor, Department of Statistics, University of Chicago	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 17

Narrative Description

The work of the Committee supports the mission and strategic goals of the Economics and Statistics Administration of the Department of Commerce. The Committee's advice on statistical methodology, research needed, and other technical matters related to the collection, tabulation, and analysis of Federal economic statistics helps the department to maintain and improve the accuracy, timeliness, and relevance of its data. Committee members are individuals with demonstrated professional abilities and qualifications whose experience is directly relevant to the functions and tasks performed by the agency. Therefore, they are exceptionally qualified to advise the agency with regard to economic concepts and theory, new and developing statistical techniques, and emerging technologies that may help to accomplish the department's goals. In addition, the Committee's joint sponsorship (by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Bureau of the Census, and the Bureau of Economic Analysis) has led to improved communication, cooperation, and coordination of methodologies among the three sponsoring agencies.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

22

Number of Recommendations Comments

There were no recommendations in FY18.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

27%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Several of the committee's recommendations have been fully implemented or are expected to be. Examples include recommendations on the BLS/Census business list comparison project and the recommendation to add questions regarding disability to the Current Population Survey.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

41%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Several of the committee's recommendations have been partially implemented or are expected to be. Examples include recommendations for electronic data collection practices and suggestions for addressing the CPS-CES discrepancy.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

At regular Committee meetings, the agency provides feedback to members through the presentation of research or discussion papers, and the principal agency contacts summarize developments or changes implemented in programs considered by the Committee at earlier meetings.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Recommendations and members' comments lead to improvements in statistical methodology.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

N/A